

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/c.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided and a record of votes taken.”

Thursday, February 9, 2012

7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENT PRO-TEM CAROL COLEMAN

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Pro-Tem Carol Coleman. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Brian T. Bailey
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Carol Coleman (as President Pro-Tem)
Trustee Norman L. Schnaufer
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration
Steve Busa, Treasurer
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
Brian Baugh, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

NOT PRESENT:

Mayor Richard Andrews (prior personal commitment)

Trustee Coleman entertained a motion from the Board to be appointed President Pro-Tem in the absence of Mayor Andrews. Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to appoint Trustee Coleman as President Pro-Tem for the February 9, 2012 meeting. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

President Pro Tem Coleman and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

President Pro-Tem Coleman reported that the Board will consider an ordinance this evening on the Consent Agenda with regard to a water rate increase effective retroactive to January 1, 2012. She noted the City of Chicago has increased the pass-through charges by 50 cents per 1,000 gallons of water to every community they sell water to and the Village of McCook has also added an increase of 6 cents per 1,000 gallons of water. President Pro-Tem Coleman pointed out the Village of Indian Head Park receives its water from the City of Chicago through the City of Countryside and Village of McCook to Indian Head Park. She noted Countryside did not increase the rate to Indian Head Park according to the current 2-year water contract with the City of Countryside.

President Pro-Tem Coleman further noted that the City of Chicago has stated there will be another water rate increase January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014 that will be passed along to those that receive water from the City of Chicago. She noted the current water rate increase to Indian Head Park residents will be 56 cents per 1,000 gallons of water retroactive to January 1, 2012.

President Pro-Tem Coleman reported that Pace originally sent a notice to the Village that it would be discontinuing the Pace Bus Route 669 south of Joliet Road in Indian Head Park effective February 27, 2012. She noted that Mayor Andrews has been working with Pace representatives to maintain the current route and Pace has agreed to continue the Pace Bus route schedule south of Joliet Road.

Police Chief Alonzo reported that the community awareness meetings have been taking place every fourth Wednesday of the month. He noted at the last meeting there were approximately nine residents in attendance and Community Awareness meeting and the Neighborhood Watch Area 1 group has also been meeting at the Village with participation from residents. Chief Alonzo stated he hoped that more residents would attend the community awareness meetings and there is always an officer present at the meeting to provide information to the community.

Chief Alonzo reported that the Village's Website has been updated, at the end of every month the statistics from Southwest Central Dispatch for police activity for the month are posted on the Website. He noted if something occurs that the public should be made aware of, that information will be made available sooner. Chief Alonzo stated that the Police Department is also checking into the Robo calling system and there may be some capability to notify residents of the Village through a system from the Southwest Central Dispatch center with fees already paid for by dispatch services.

President Pro-Tem Coleman stated Trustee Bermier and Trustee Schnaufer attended the West Central Municipal Conference Legislative Breakfast last Saturday. Trustee Bermier reported that Rich Pellegrino and representatives from the W.C.M.C. are actively trying to find ways to keep the cost of water down from the City of Chicago. Trustee Bermier further noted that a representative of Congress and the General Assembly were present at the W.C.M.C. meeting and it was mentioned there will soon be an all-state ban in Illinois on handheld cellular phones in vehicles if the bill passes.

Trustee Schnaufer reported during the past several months the State has discussed a cut in the state shared revenue to municipalities. He noted two State representatives stated the state shared revenues to municipalities will not be reduced. Trustee Schnaufer further noted that Representative Lipinski and Senator Durbin stated that Illinois stands to lose about 800 million dollars in road funds.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of an Ordinance Amending Section 13.08.150 entitled "Water Rates" of Title 13 entitled "Public Services of the Indian Head Park Municipal Code (Ordinance #2012-2).

President Pro-Tem Coleman entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT – TREASURER STEVE BUSA

Approval of Financial Report for the month ending January 31, 2012

President Pro-Tem Coleman noted that all bank statements were not received in time to complete the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2012. Therefore, the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2012 will be presented to the Board for approval at the March meeting.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting-January 12, 2012

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to approve the January 12, 2012 Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mary Uhrina, of Arrowhead Court, stated although there may have only been nine residents in attendance at the last Community Awareness meeting, there is an active e-mail list with information that is sent to residents who cannot attend the meetings to keep them informed. She noted that at times there is a representative at various meetings who will report back to the community.

Trustee Anselmo mentioned that the first installment of property tax bills were sent out and the property tax payment is due March 1st.

Jack Brandush, of Cascade Drive, stated that in anticipation of the water rate increases he has installed water saving devices throughout his house such as a high efficiency washing machine and energy saving shower valves.

He pointed out that adult children have left the house and although the water usage has gone down the rate keeps going up. Mr. Brandush stated that he uses well under the minimum of 12,000 gallons of water every three months. He added there is a minimum charge and rates keep increasing even though water is being conserved. Mr. Brandush asked if the Board could possibly look into lowering the minimum amount of water from 12,000 gallons to a lower minimum for those that use less water.

President Pro-Tem Coleman stated that the Board will consider looking into the water rate minimum and will discuss the matter at a future meeting. A motion was made to adjourn to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of specific employees. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0). There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to return to the regular meeting. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:15 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Leach, Deputy Village Clerk/Recording Secretary